Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2020 Meeting

Regular Session at 1:00 p.m.

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Friday, October 23, 2020. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Dyatt Smathers, Member; Sandra Tolley, Member; Kathy Ray, Director; and Jacob Ray, Deputy Director.

Call to Order:

Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda:

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the agenda as presented.

Members' Reports:

Board members reported they are receiving positive feedback from voters regarding their voting experiences at the early voting sites.

Minutes:

Motion, Seconded (DS, ST) and Carried (3,0) to approve the October 16, 2020 meeting minutes.

Director's Report:

The Director provided the September 30, 2020 budget expenditure report. Discussion ensued regarding state funded poll worker bonuses for Election Day and early voting poll workers.

The Director reported that the county maintenance department will install and remove the Ramboard floor covering at the Sandy Mush Precinct polling site at Addison Farms Vineyard. She has asked all chief judges to visit an early voting site to observe COVID procedures and protocols and to visit their precinct polling sites as soon as possible to determine any additional needs for site setup.

The Director reported that South Marshall Precinct Chief Judge Betty Hurst needs a replacement on Election Day due to unforeseen circumstances.

Motion, Seconded (DS, ST) and Carried (3,0) to appoint Coleson Garrett (D-Walnut Precinct) as the South Marshall Chief Judge for the November 3, 2020 General election.

The Director presented the draft list of poll workers.

Motion, Seconded (JW, DS) and Carried (3,0) to approve the list of poll worker assistants and add Lisa Mclean (R-Spring Creek Precinct), Jessica Creech (R-Hot Springs Precinct), Karol Kavaya (D, Walnut Precinct), and Terri Morgan (UNA-Laurel Precinct) to the list.

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve Pat McFee (D-North Marshall Precinct) as a substitute one stop poll worker at Madison Wellness Center.

Chair Wallin commented regarding the extra time it is taking for some absentee ballots to reach the voters.

New Business:

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to move the regularly scheduled Wednesday, November 18, 2020 meeting and combine it with the absentee meeting taking place at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2020.

The Director informed the Board that the office staff worked during the September 7 Labor Day holiday and will again have to work on the November 11 Veteran's Day holiday. The county is also providing a flexible holiday for all employees. She requested the Board close the office during the week of November 23-27th to observe the missed holidays, flexible day, and Thanksgiving holidays.

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to use November 23, 2020 as the county flex day and close the office for the week to cover the holidays.

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve mileage for the one stop lead workers.

Adjournment:

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary